CORRESPONDENCE.

Everest, Kans.

As I have never seen anything from this, the Wolf River church, in Brown Co., Kansas, I thought I would write and say we have a few members here, and Bro. Bauman has been preaching for us once a month for the last two years and we have good meetings and good interest, but no additions. But we hope that he is sowing seed that will spring up and bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

I see in the EVANGELIST that brother Mallott is coming West this summer. We would like if he would stop and preach for us a while and any minister traveling through on the Missouri and Pacific railroad from Kansas City to Falls City, or Pony Creek, Everest is twenty miles from Atchison on the Missouri and Pacific railroad.

Bro. S. Stump of Falls City, Neb., was down and preached a week, five miles north of Everest and had good meetings and one addition from the German Baptist, and put many to searching the Scriptures to see if these things are so; others were convinced and said he was right, but for some cause they did not turn in with the offered terms of mercy. But we hope they will before it is too late. Bro. Hixson didn't say where to send the money for Mission work in Kansas. I will say I will give thirty dollars for a start, and pay it direct to Bro. Bauman.

A. CRISAMORE.

Something To Do.

DEAR EDITOR:—Being deprived of the privilege of attending the Brethren church as often as we would like, being no church nearer than Akron, about ten miles away, I feel it my duty to write a few lines for the EVANGELIST. I am glad to say that it is a welcome visitor at our house. It makes us rejoice and brings us nearer the cross; it brings such good news to us from our dear brethren and sisters whom we have seen, and from those whom we never saw. I hope and pray for its success, that it may reach the home of every brother and sister in Christ, and that it may have a tendency of bringing sinners to the folds of Christ.

But dear brethren and sisters, when we are deprived of the privilege of going to the house of worship, let us not think we must sit down and do nothing. There is something for us to do. Then let us arouse to a sense of our duty; let us read the word of God, and pray more, and talk less about one another. Let us try to live more prayerful, and try to love each other more than we have ever done. A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another as I have loved you. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

Come brothers and sisters, both aged and youth,
And all that are willing to walk in the truth.
Come fill up your vessels with union and love,
Then on our blessed journey we joyfully move.

MRS. JNO. MILLER.

Macy, Ind.

From the Sunny South.

Growing tired of short summers and severe winters, thought we would try the South. We left Ashtabula Co., Ohio the 13th of Sept. Visited friends in Wayne Co., and we promised they should hear of us through the EVANGELIST. Although we found it painful to sacrifice church relations, friends and neighbors, yet we bade them farewell wishing them God's blessing, the 2nd of Dec., and boarded the train for our future home. As we were carried South, we found it real that we were leaving Jack Frost behind; for we left snow and cold. By the time we reached Washington, we found quite a change in the climate. There we remained over night.

Renewing our journey next morning, as we neared Richmond we found it necessary to lay aside some of our wraps. We reached our journey's end the eve of the 4th. Here we found pleasant weather, nice roads, some little fellows still in their bare feet. Christmas eve, it blew up cold for one day; up to that time roses were in bloom out of doors. Then we had pleasant weather until the 9th of Jan. when the cold wave struck us and lasted two days; the mercury running as low as eleven above zero. We are well pleased by this time with our change. We have neighbors represented here from almost every state. The Methodist have a pleasant church in our village where we shall attend church and Sabbath School.

But when I see the flood of emigration coming in here, I am filled with the hope that at no distant day I can say Spring Grove has a Brethren Church. We want to live and raise our family so as to meet with all God's people in that land that is better than this.

MAGGIE RITTENHOUSE.

Spring Grove, Va.

One Estimate.

In No. 1, B. E. of 1886, the following assertion is made, "I do believe the twelve did the baptizing and according to the Divine Commission, twelve men can't baptize 3000 souls in six or eight hours."

Now my dear brethren I will kindly inform you that at the time of my baptism, 16 were baptized according to the Divine Commission in 15 minutes. At the same ratio, 64 in one hour, 12 administrations each baptizing 64 in one hour would aggregate 760 multiplied by 6 hours would give us a total of 4,608, Holy Writ says about 3,000. In love,

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

Prayer.

"Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. —Matthew 7:7.

This portion of the word is of a highly important character, and of great concern to us; for it clearly reveals our relationship to the law of the highest. In the first place let us consider what prayer is. Those who have left the deepest impression on this sin-cursed earth have been men and women of prayer. You will find prayer has been the mighty power that has moved, not only God, but man. Abraham was a man of prayer. Angels came down from heaven to converse with him. Pray without ceasing. Thess. 5:17. Peter had gone up to the house-top. where he had that wonderful vision of the sheet let down from heaven. It was when prayer was made without ceasing unto God, for Peter, that the angels were sent to deliver him. So all through the Scriptures you will find that when believing prayer went up to God the answer came down. Look at Paul and Silas in the prison at Philippi. As they prayed and sang praises the place was shaken and the jailer was converted. Let us look to Christ as our example for all things, in nothing more than prayer, Christ prayed at his baptism. As He prayed the heavens were opened and the Holy Ghost descended on Him. Look at his transfiguration, as He prayed the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his rainment was white and glittering. We read again in the 12th ch. of John that He prayed to the Father. This seems to be one of the sadest chapters in the Bible. He was about to leave the Jewish nation, and to make atonement for the sins of the world. Hear what He says, "Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour; but for this cause came I unto this hour." He was almost under the Shadow of the Cross, the iniquities of mankind were about to be laid upon Him.

We read in Matthew 6: Now He taught His disciples how to pray. It is not recorded that He taught them how to preach. We need the power of God in order that the blessing may come down. The prayer our Lord taught his disciples is called the Lord's prayer. I think we may learn a lesson here. Our Master's prayer was short when offered in public. When He was alone, that was a different thing, and He could spend the night in communion with his Father. Christ's prayer on the cross was a short one, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." How short the publican's prayer was, "God be merciful to me a sinner." So let us follow our Lord and Master's example.

Hence we see that prayer holds a high place among the exercises of a spiritual life. If we would follow Jesus, we must also resist temptation as he resisted. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. We read in Matthew 6th ch. 5th and 6th verses, "and when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in synagogues and in the corners of the streets that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But when thou prayest enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in heaven in secret and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Brethren it is as important for us to know how to pray as it is to know how to work.

We read in James, if any lack wisdom, let him ask of God and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith not wavering.

Brethren let us now consider our love one for another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light. We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren, and this is the message we heard from the beginning. Thus, if we are in the light of the gospel of Christ, we are living one for another if not we are yet in darkness. Who is my brother in Christ? He that doeth the will of my Father in heaven, the same is my sister and brother.

D. M. BAKER.

The Day of Judgment.

BY HARVEY N. COBER.

That day is coming and it will be a great and wonderful day, a day that all people should prepare themselves for, a day that all who live or ever have lived must appear in one vast assembly before a white throne and there be judged according to the deeds done in the body. Have you ever thought of that dear reader? Have you ever thought of it that Jesus died to save you, that he was nailed on the cross to save his people, and still we rebel against him upon many occasions? Oh let us be more careful in our daily doings. Let our light so shine that others may see our good works and thus join with us.

Our life here upon earth is short. Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. St. John 14: 2–3. We should therefore get ready and prepare for the Judgment.

I wish our young members would participate more in trying to advance the cause of Christ. I think we would have better meetings and better Christians. Sometimes when I think over the days that are past and gone, even back to the time when my mother died and left me a wanderer through this wilderness of woe, and she knew that these words would be her last, she said, "take care of that little boy and see that he is brought up in the admonition of the Lord." My life since my mother's death has been very unfruitful, and oh, how often I called to memory those words, although she has been dead over fifteen years, it seems to me that they were only spoken yesterday.

Sabetha, Kans.

How quitetly flows the river toward the sea, yet it always reaches its destination. This is a point to remember when you are trying to rush things.

If the reaper, death, should come with his sickle to cut down all the bad men and women in the world at one great swing of the long arm their would be but few men left to tell the story.

OBITUARY.

REPLOGLE—Died in the Fairview Congregation near Unionville, Appanoose Co., Iowa, on Dec. 31st 1885, of Paralysis, Elder Abraham Replogle, aged 79 yrs., 4 mo. He was born in Morrison's Cove, Bedford Co., Pa., in Aug. 1806. Married at about the age of 21 years, to Barbara Miller, daughter of Elder Martin Miller, with whom he lived about 54 years. Fourteen children were born to them; ten of whom Survive, all but two being members of the church. In 1829 he, with his wife moved to Wayne Co., Ind., and settled near Hagerstown, thence to Appanoose Co., Iowa in 1854.

He was chosen deacon about the year 1834, elected to the ministry in the autumn of 1855, and ordained Eld. May 31st 1860.

Funeral discourse by Elder Wm. E. Stickler, from John 5:24. 25, to a large audience of neighbors and friends. He was a devoted disciple of the Lord from his baptism to the day of his death. For over 20 years he never failed to the attend council meetings of his congregation. As a minister he was earnest and at times eloquent. His labors were much appreciated by the church. As an Elder he was energetic and successful.

JOSEPH ZOOK.